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ETH News

A BIG Thank You!

I want to give a "BIG Thank You" to Dave Bendel, Amelia Densmore and Terri Gillespie for choosing my nonprofit as their charity of choice through their employers 2024 United Way Campaign. Thank you for caring.

Credit Monitoring

When you become widowed, you become a target. In my opinion, thieves monitor obituaries and once they have your name, they do research online to see what they can find out about you. My nightmare started about 6 weeks after Mike's funeral in 2017. Credit card and PayPal accounts were being opened in my name right and left. Luckily, I had a credit reporting agency who caught all but one and that PayPal application hit my credit report, but the account was never opened. It took almost 9 months to get that inquiry off my credit report. I put a fraud alert and a credit freeze on my credit account in 2017. I still to this day get notices from PayPal that they could not identify me, so the application was denied and the reason for the denial is because I froze my credit.

If you don't already have one, I would suggest getting a membership with LifeLock or another credit monitoring agency. AARP and AAA have discounts for LifeLock plans, so if you have either AARP or AAA or both, please make sure to mention your membership so you can get the best discount on your selected plan. You can also sign up for a free membership with Experian through your AAA Membership.

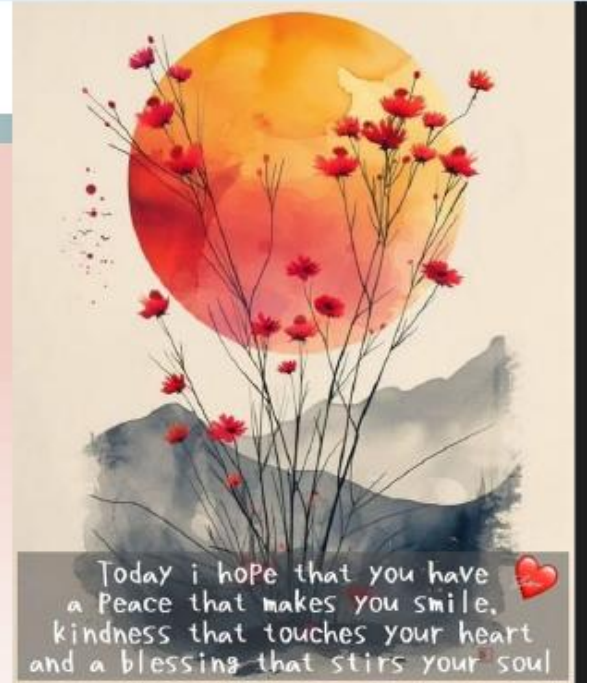
LifeLock 1-800-543-3562
www.Lifelock.com

If you become a victim of identity theft or if your agency detects unauthorized use of your information, I would suggest that you put a freeze and a fraud alert on your credit with all three credit reporting agencies and request a copy of your free credit report. A PIN will be assigned to you when you freeze your credit or they may ask you to create your own PIN. The PIN is the only way you can unlock your credit when needed. You may want to consider locking your credit before anything happens. I found out the hard way.

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www.transunion.com

Experian - 1-888-397-3742
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www.equifax.com



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Response To My Letter

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In my February Newsletter, I shared the letter that I had written to my Senators and Congressman. I finally got a response from Senator Fetterman and Congressman Reschenthaler, but Senator McCormick is MIA. It took submitting my letter to all 3 twice. The first response I got from Fetterman had nothing to do with the filing status for surviving spouses. The letter I received had to deal with the Child Tax Credit. So I resent that topic informing his staff of the error and asked if he even read my letter. Within 1 week I got another response which talked about tax reform but did not mention surviving spouse. Not sure why surviving spouse or even widow/widower are dirty words because every one that I have contacted on this issue where I did receive a response, these words were not included in their response. It took a phone call to my Congressman about another topic and while I was on the phone mentioned that I never received a response. Only then did I receive one. As far as Senator McCormick is concerned, I tried calling his DC and Pittsburgh offices but after one ring, my call went to voicemail. I left messages but no one returned my calls. When I did get through and was put on hold, no one bothered to pick up. So when I wrote to him a second time, in my first sentence I asked "Does anyone work here?", explained my reason for asking this, his lack of a response, but still never heard from him. I did, however, see him and his wife on TV promoting their book. Very disappointed. I will share my letter from Fetterman and Reschenthaler in this newsletter.

"A huge shoutout to the people who haven't felt okay lately but still get up every-day and refuse to quit - you got this" ~Positive Outlooks

PACT For Animals

PACT for Animals is located in Gladwyne Pennsylvania.

They find foster homes for animals from Pennsylvania all the way to Hawaii. Each animal is listed by state, along with their photo and the time frame needed for the animal to be fostered. They also provide a detailed history of the animal. Pet parents are responsible for all costs for their animal while they are away such as food and grooming.



PACT For Animals.org—Who We Are!

What is PACT? PACT stands for People + Animals = Companions Together. Our mission is to provide programs that benefit companion animals and their owners.

PACT is a network of passionate people who know the power of the human-animal bond and work hard to protect it. PACT is a constantly growing community of animal lovers that support each other and recognize the connection between a person and their pet goes beyond life's temporary, unpredictable crises. We are constantly expanding this network as more people become aware of our work and join us in protecting the human-animal bond by fostering companion animals or providing other support to people and pets in need.

We work towards a world where no beloved companion animals are unwillingly surrendered to shelters because of a temporary military or medical crisis.



Aero & Beau H.

Helena, AL

Needs Foster Care For

March 19, 2025 - August 1, 2025

[MEET AERO & BEAU H.](#)



Bella & Izzy P.

Tempe, TX

Needs Foster Care For

March 19, 2025 - May 11, 2025

[MEET BELLA & IZZY P.](#)



Odin

Germantown, MD

Needs Foster Care For

March 19, 2025 - May 7, 2025

[MEET ODIN](#)

Response From Senator Fetterman

JOHN FETTERMAN
PENNSYLVANIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 4, 2025

Mrs. Cheryl Bertolino
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Dear Mrs. Bertolino:

Thank you so much for reaching out to my office regarding taxation and tax reform. I appreciate hearing from you.

For too long, policymakers lined the pockets of big businesses and hedge fund managers instead of giving a tax cut to working families and real small businesses. I believe the tax system should put working people, seniors, and families first, and it's time for big corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share. That's why I supported the bipartisan *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024* last congress. The bill would have been a big step in the right direction, giving families and small businesses much-needed relief. Unfortunately, the Senate Republicans blocked the bill after it passed with large bipartisan majorities in the House last year.

With the expiration of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)*, we desperately need tax reform that is targeted at working Americans and families, not lining the pockets of big businesses. I'll work with anyone in Congress to pass real tax reform that simplifies the tax code and delivers tax cuts for working Pennsylvanians, without increasing the deficit or delivering a windfall to the wealthy.

I believe our tax system should help working families, which is why I cosponsored the *Working Families Tax Relief Act* in my first year in the senate. The bill would significantly expand both the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, giving families some relief from recent increases in the cost of living. The tax code should also encourage small businesses and manufacturers to invest here in the U.S., which is why I cosponsored the *No Tax Breaks for Outsourcing Act* in my first full month as a senator. I also think that the very wealthy and big corporations should contribute more to help pay for our national defense, bring down the deficit, and fund vital federal programs, which is why I cosponsored the *Billionaires Income Tax Act* and the *Ending the Carried Interest Loophole Act*.

I will oppose attempts to cut funding to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the new Congress. Recent funding increases have helped the IRS go after wealthy tax cheats, bringing in significant additional revenue without raising taxes a penny. Investments in customer services have made tax filing easier for every-day taxpayers, reducing wait-times to speak with the IRS and creating IRS Direct File, which is a free and convenient way to file your taxes.

Thank you again for contacting me to share your thoughts. Please do not hesitate to reach out in the future about other issues of importance to you. If I can be of assistance, or if you'd like to learn more about my work on behalf of Pennsylvanians and our commonwealth, I encourage you to visit my website, <https://www.fetterman.senate.gov/>.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate



Pennsylvania
Department of Revenue

PROPERTY TAX, RENT REBATE APPLICATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

The June 30 application deadline for the state's 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is coming soon. This year, more Pennsylvanians who are 65 or older, **widows and widowers 50 years or older**, and those 18 years or older with disabilities will be eligible to receive a rebate on the property taxes and rent paid last year. With Act 7 of 2023, the General Assembly passed the first expansion in 20 years with provisions for cost-of-living adjustments each year, **increasing the income limits this year to \$46,250** and the maximum rebate to \$1,000. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

The Department of Revenue will start sending payments July 1.

Baby Animals and their Moms



The Beauty on Earth—Part 12



Hard Being a Widow/Widower—Part II



Leah Hendry

Not having that person there to talk to anymore and the never ending loneliness 🥺❤️

17h Like Reply

146 🗳️👍🥺

View all 5 replies



Cindi Lovell

Making decisions alone

17h Like Reply 84 🗳️👍🥺

View all 2 replies



Top fan

Marianne Gospodarczyk-Jay

I miss who I was before he died. I am not only mourning the loss of my husband, but I'm mourning the loss of the person I was before

16h Like Reply

137 🗳️👍🥺

View all 14 replies



Diane Lucas Olmsted

The person who could comfort me the most during this gut-wrenching grief is not here to walk through it with me. I miss his snuggles which made me feel safe. I miss our conversations which made me feel heard. I miss his words of affirmation which made me feel valued. I miss being a couple ... I feel invisible as a widow. I miss us sooo much!

14h Like Reply

39 🗳️👍🥺

View all 4 replies



Top fan

Tonya Vivolo-McGrew

Knowing that your best years are behind you, the emptiness of life purpose has left your body, the sense of belonging is gone, The love you have for your person has nowhere to go

17h Like Reply

112 🗳️👍🥺

**Light of
Life Rescue
Mission**

**Prayer for
Widows and
Widowers**

**On their
donation
form they
asked if
they can
pray for
you. I asked
them to
pray for all
who are
widowed to
find peace.**



Dear Cheryl,

Thank you for reaching out for prayer. Our team prayed for all widow & widowers that they would find peace. We greatly appreciate your support.

Your friend,
Hayley

Response from Congressman Reschenthaler

GUY RESCHENTHALER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
14TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear MRS. Bertolino,

Thank you for informing me of your support for tax reform policies. I welcome and appreciate your thoughts on this important matter.

Like you, I support pro-growth policies that will strengthen the middle class and allow hard working American families to keep more of their hard-earned money.

In 2017, Congress passed, and President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) (P.L. 115-97) which represented the first major reform to the U.S. tax code since 1986. TCJA was incredibly successful and with these reforms in place, we saw the highest single year increase in government revenue since 1977. Additionally, TCJA grew the real median household income by \$5,000 and real wages grew by nearly five percent.

Unfortunately, many of the key provisions in TCJA are set to expire at the end of this year, which is why it is critical that conservatives are once again unified behind President Trump's tax agenda.

You may be interested to know that I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 703, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act which was introduced by Representative Lloyd Smucker (PA-11). This legislation would make the Sec 199A pass-through deduction for small businesses permanent. This deduction was included in TCJA and has been a tremendous help to Main Street America, especially throughout the economic challenges created by the Biden-Harris Administration.

Rest assured, I will continue to keep your thoughts in mind as Congress considers tax reform policies in the 119th Congress. Again, thank you for contacting me and for all you do for our community in Pennsylvania. Should you have additional comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-2065, my Washington, PA office at (724) 206-4800, or my Latrobe, PA office at (724) 219-4200. I also invite you to sign up for my weekly e-newsletter by visiting my website at Reschenthaler.House.Gov.

Sincerely,

Message From Liam Neeson

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"They say the hardest thing in the world is losing someone you love. Someone you grew old with and watched grow every day. Someone who showed you how to love. It's the worst thing to ever happen to anyone. My wife died unexpectedly. She brought me so much joy. She was my everything. Those 16 years of being her husband taught me how to love unconditionally. We must stop and be thankful for our spouses. Because life is very short. Spend time with your spouses. Treat them well. Because, one day, when you look up from your phone, they won't be there anymore. What I truly learned most of all is, live and love everyday like it's your last. Because, one day, it will be. Take chances and go live life. Tell the ones you love that you love them every day. Don't take any moment for granted. Life is worth living."

"When our time on earth is done, money or material things will not matter. But the love, time and kindness we've given others will shine and live on forever" ~ Positive Outlooks

Comical Animals - Something to make you smile!

